

## TARIFF BILL OF 1930

Mr. SMOOT, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

**CONFERENCE REPORT ON THE BILL (H. R. 2667) TO PROVIDE REVENUE, TO REGULATE COMMERCE WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, TO ENCOURAGE THE INDUSTRIES OF THE UNITED STATES, TO PROTECT AMERICAN LABOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on those amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 2667) to provide revenue, to regulate commerce with foreign countries, to encourage the industries of the United States, to protect American labor, and for other purposes, upon which an agreement was reported by a previous committee of conference to the House on April 28, 1930 (H. Rept. 1326), and to the Senate on April 29, 1930 (S. Doc. 138), having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the same action with respect to such amendments (except amendments numbered 327, 424, 425, 454, 657, 848, and 849) be taken as recommended in the report of such previous committee of conference. A print of such report is appended hereto for the information of the Senate and House.

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 424, 425, 454, 848, and 849.

**Amendment numbered 327:**

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 327, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following:

*Par. 367. (a) Watch movements, and time-keeping, time-measuring, or time-indicating mechanisms, devices, and instruments, whether or not designed to be worn or carried on or about the person, all the foregoing, if less than one and seventy-seven one-hundredths inches wide, whether or not in cases, containers, or housings:*

*(1) If more than one and one-half inches wide, \$1.25 each; if more than one and two-tenths inches but not more than one and one-half inches wide, \$1.40 each; if more than one inch but not more*

than one and two-tenths inches wide, \$1.55 each; if more than nine-tenths of one inch but not more than one inch wide, \$1.75 each; if more than eight-tenths of one inch but not more than nine-tenths of one inch wide, \$2 each; if more than six-tenths of one inch but not more than eight-tenths of one inch wide, \$2.25 each; if six-tenths of one inch or less wide, \$2.50 each;

(2) in the case of any of the foregoing having no jewels or only one jewel, the above rates shall be reduced by 40 per centum;

(3) any of the foregoing having more than seven jewels shall be subject to an additional duty of 15 cents for each jewel in excess of seven;

(4) any of the foregoing shall be subject to an additional duty of \$1 for each adjustment of whatever kind (treating adjustment to temperature as two adjustments) in accordance with the marking as hereinafter provided;

(5) any of the foregoing shall be subject to an additional duty of \$1 each, if constructed or designed to operate for a period in excess of forty-seven hours without rewinding, or if self-winding, or if a self-winding device may be incorporated therein;

(6) any of the foregoing having more than seventeen jewels, whether adjusted or unadjusted, and whether with or without dials, shall, in lieu of the duties provided in clauses (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5), be subject to a duty of \$10.75 each.

(b) All the foregoing shall have cut, engraved, or die sunk, conspicuously and indelibly on one or more of the top plates or bridges: The name of the country of manufacture; the name of the manufacturer or purchaser; in words and in Arabic numerals the number of jewels, if any, serving a mechanical purpose as frictional bearings; and, in words and in Arabic numerals, the number and classes of adjustments, or, if unadjusted, the word "unadjusted".

(c) Parts for any of the foregoing shall be dutiable as follows:

(1) Parts (except pillar or bottom plates, or their equivalent, bridges or their equivalent, and jewels) imported in the same shipment with complete movements, mechanisms, devices, or instruments, provided for in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph (whether or not suitable for use in such movements, mechanisms, devices, or instruments), 45 per centum ad valorem; but this clause of this subparagraph shall not be applicable to that portion of all the parts in the shipment which exceeds in value 4 per centum of the value of such complete movements, mechanisms, devices, or instruments;

(2) pillar or bottom plates, or their equivalent, shall be subject to one-half the amount of duty which would be borne by the complete movement, mechanism, device, or instrument for which suitable;

(3) each assembly or subassembly (unless dutiable under clause (1) of this subparagraph) consisting of two or more parts or pieces of metal or other material joined or fastened together shall be subject to a duty of 3 cents for each such part or piece of material, except that in the case of jewels the duty shall be 15 cents instead of 3 cents, and except that in the case of pillar or bottom plates or their equivalent the duty shall be the rate provided in clause (2) of this subparagraph instead of 3 cents, and except that in the case of a balance assembly the duty shall be 50 cents for the assembly instead of 3 cents for each part or piece thereof. No assembly or subassembly shall be subject to a greater amount of duty than would be

borne by the complete movement, mechanism, device, or instrument for which suitable, nor to a less rate of duty than 45 per centum ad valorem. For the purpose of this clause a balance assembly shall be an assembly consisting of a balance wheel, balance staff, and hairspring, with or without the other parts commercially known as parts of a balance assembly. For the purpose of this clause bimetallic balance wheels (not part of a balance assembly), and mainsprings with riveted ends, shall each be considered as one part or piece;

(4) all other parts (except jewels), 65 per centum ad valorem.

(d) Jewels, suitable for use in any movement, mechanism, device, or instrument, dutiable under this paragraph or paragraph 368, or in any meter or compass, 10 per centum ad valorem.

(e) Dials for any of the foregoing movements, mechanisms, devices, or instruments, if such dials are less than one and seventy-seven one-hundredths inches wide and are imported separately, 5 cents each and 45 per centum ad valorem. Dials for any of the movements, mechanisms, devices, or instruments provided for in this paragraph, whether or not attached thereto, shall have stamped, cut, engraved, or die sunk, conspicuously and indelibly thereon the name of the country of manufacture; which marking, if the dial is imported attached to any of the foregoing movements, mechanisms, devices, or instruments, shall be placed on the face of the dial in such manner as not to be obscured by any part of the case, container, or housing.

(f) All cases, containers, or housings, designed or suitable for the enclosure of any of the foregoing movements, mechanisms, devices, or instruments, whether or not containing such movements, mechanisms, devices, or instruments, and whether finished or unfinished, complete or incomplete, except such containers as are used for shipping purposes only:

(1) If made of gold or platinum, 75 cents each and 45 per centum ad valorem;

(2) if in part of gold, silver, or platinum, or wholly of silver, 40 cents each and 45 per centum ad valorem;

(3) if set with precious, semiprecious, or imitation precious, or imitation semiprecious stones, or if prepared for the setting of such stones, 40 cents each and 45 per centum ad valorem;

(4) if of base metal (and not containing gold, silver, or platinum), 20 cents each and 45 per centum ad valorem;

(5) any of the foregoing cases, containers, or housings, if enameled, shall be subject to an additional duty of 15 per centum ad valorem.

(g) Any of the foregoing cases, containers, or housings, shall have cut, engraved, or die sunk, conspicuously and indelibly on the inside of the back cover, the name in full of the manufacturer or purchaser and the name of the country of manufacture.

(h) For the purpose of this paragraph the width of any movement, mechanism, device, or instrument, shall be the shortest surface dimension through the center of the pillar or bottom plate, or its equivalent, not including in the measurement any portion not essential to the functioning of the movement, mechanism, device, or instrument.

(i) For the purposes of this paragraph and paragraph 368 the term "jewel" includes substitutes for jewels.

(j) *An article required by this paragraph to be marked shall be denied entry unless marked in exact conformity with the requirements of this paragraph.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 657:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 657, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert *Filaments of rayon or other synthetic textile, single or grouped, and yarns of rayon or other synthetic textile, singles, all the foregoing not specially provided for, weighing one hundred and fifty deniers or more per length of four hundred and fifty meters, 45 per centum ad valorem; weighing less than one hundred and fifty deniers per length of four hundred and fifty meters, 50 per centum ad valorem; and, in addition, yarns of rayon or other synthetic textile, plied, shall be subject to an additional duty of 5 per centum ad valorem: Provided, That none of the foregoing filaments shall be subject to a less duty than 40 cents per pound, and none of the foregoing yarns shall be subject to a less duty than 45 cents per pound. Any of the foregoing yarns if having more than twenty turns twist per inch shall be subject to an additional cumulative duty of 45 cents per pound; and the Senate agree to the same.*

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